

## REMARKS

Entry of the foregoing Preliminary Amendment prior to examination of this application is respectfully requested.

This present application is a continuation application of copending U.S. Application Serial No. 09/172,522, filed August 19, 1999. Claims 1-64 have been cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer. New claims 65-92 have been amended and are now pending.

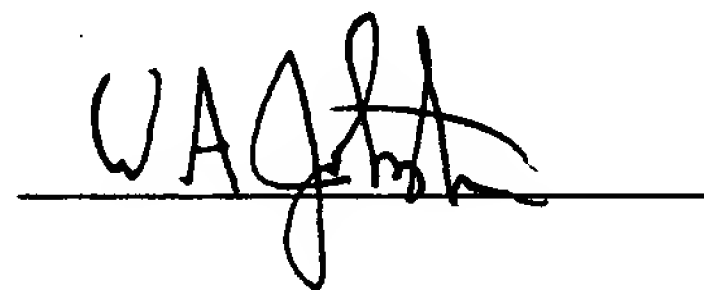
Attached hereto is a marked-up version of the changes made to the application by this Preliminary Amendment.

In view of the foregoing, it is submitted that the present application is in condition for allowance and prompt notice to that effect is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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Attachment: Version with Markings to Show Changes Made

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VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE

In the Specification:

A paragraph has been added on page 1, after the title and before the first line of text of the specification, in regard to a cross-referenced application.

Abstract

An Abstract has been added to the application.

In the Claims:

Claims 1-64 have been cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer.

New claims 65-92 have been added.